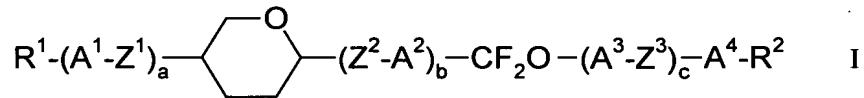


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- ## 1. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds of the formula I

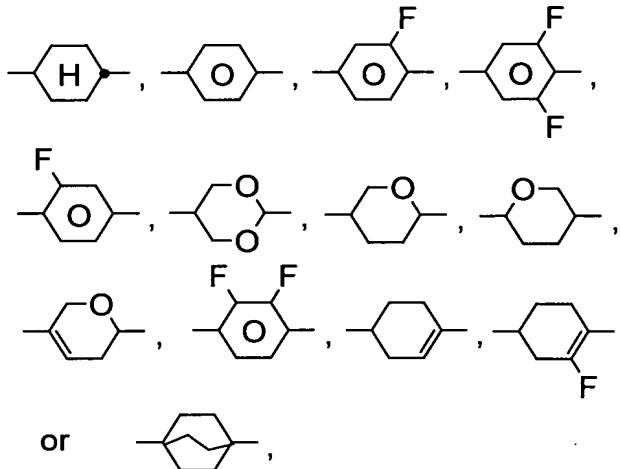


in which

R^1 and R^2 each, independently of one another, denote H, halogen, a halogenated or unsubstituted alkyl or alkoxy radical having 1 to 15 C atoms, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by $-C\equiv C-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-O-$, $-CO-O-$ or $-O-CO-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another, where one of the radicals R^1 and R^2 may alternatively denote CN, OCN, SCN, NCS or SE_2 ,

A^1, A^2, A^3

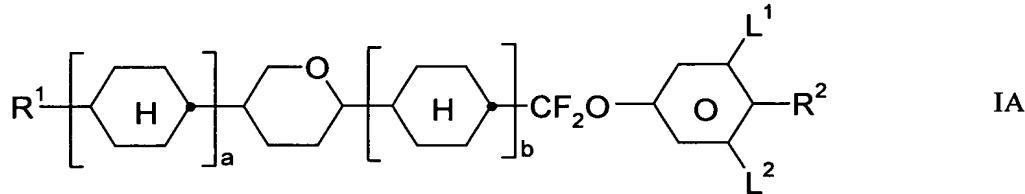
and A^4 each, independently of one another, denote



Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 each, independently of one another, denote -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CF₂O-, -OCF₂-, -CH₂O-, -OCH₂-, -CH₂CH₂-, -(CH₂)₄-, -C₂F₄-, -CH₂CF₂-, -CF₂CH₂-, -CF=CF-, -CH=CH-, -C≡C- or a single bond, and

a, b and c each, independently of one another, denote 0, 1, 2 or 3, where
 $a + b + c \leq 3$.

2. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds of the formula IA

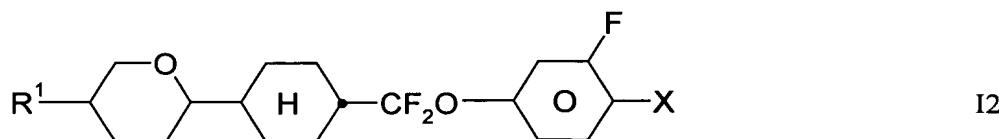
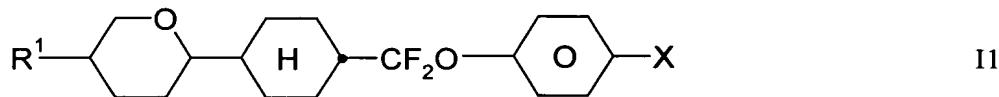


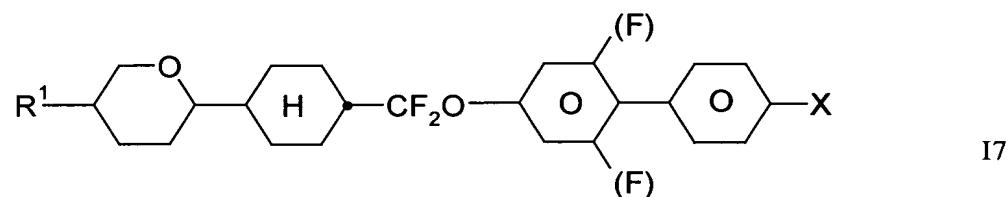
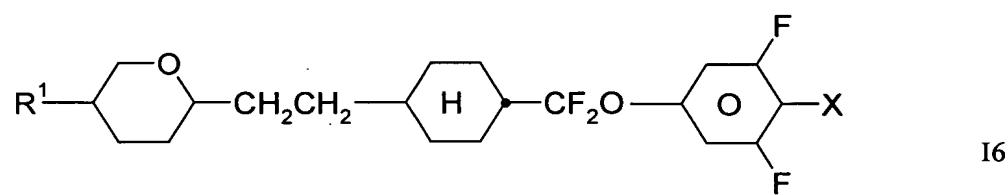
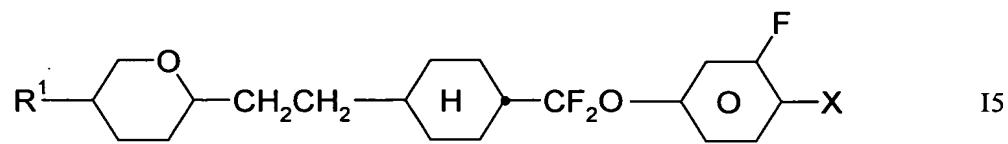
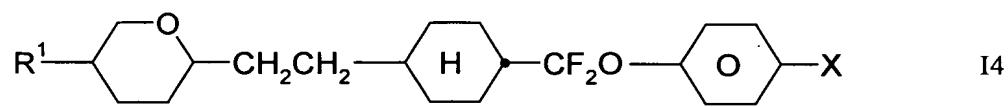
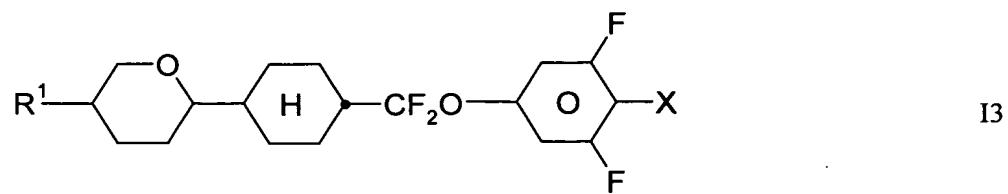
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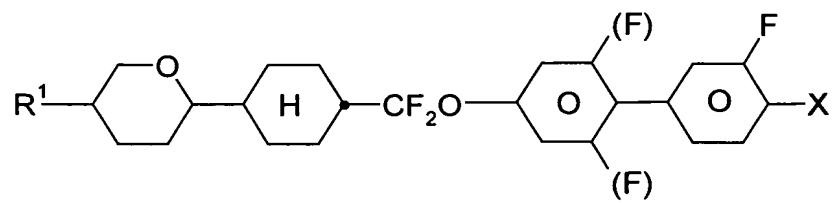
R^1 , R^2 , a, b, c and L^1 have the meanings indicated in Claim 1, where $a + b = 1$ or 2, and

L^1 and L^2 each, independently of one another, denote H or F.

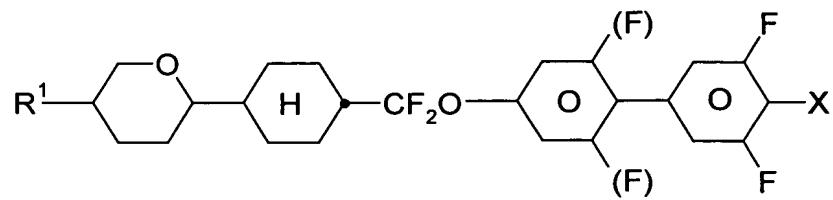
3. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that $a = 1$ and $b = 0$ or $a = 0$ and $b = 1$.
4. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 2, characterised in that L^1 denotes fluorine and L^2 denotes fluorine or hydrogen.
5. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds according to Claim 2, characterised in that L^1 and L^2 denote fluorine.
6. (Original) Liquid-crystalline compounds of the formulae I1 & I31



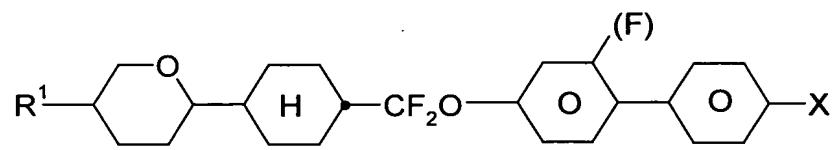




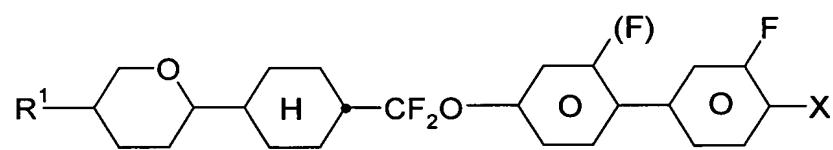
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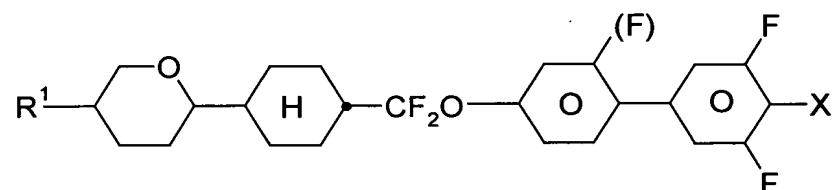
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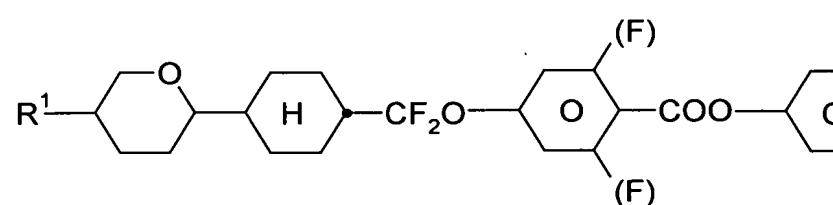
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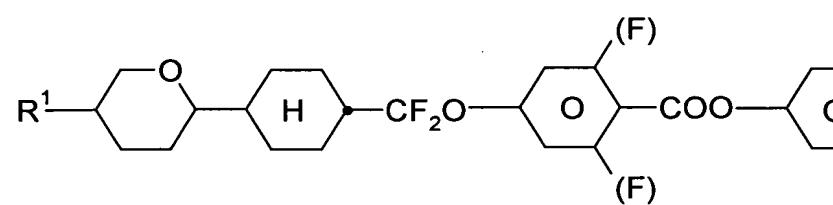
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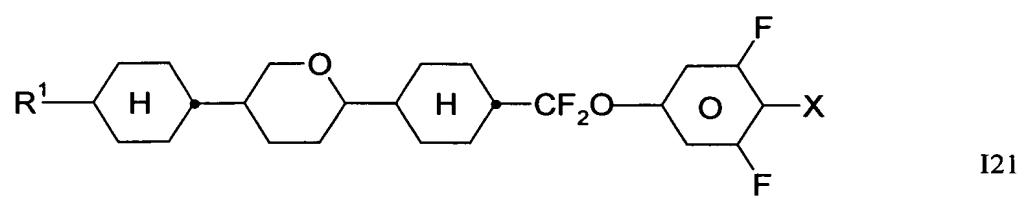
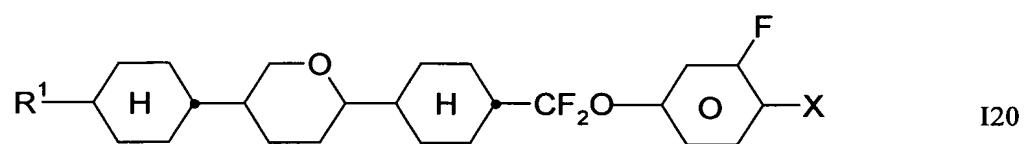
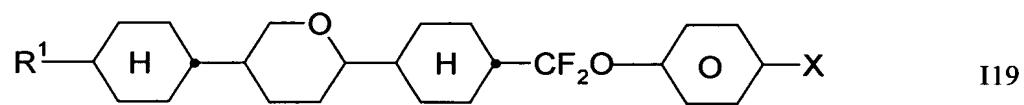
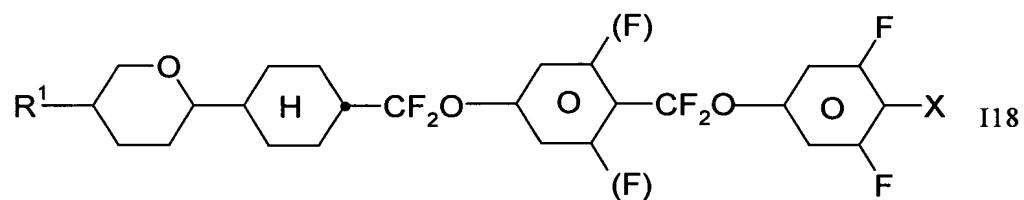
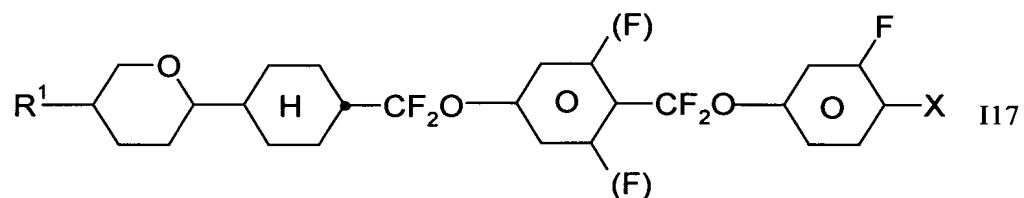
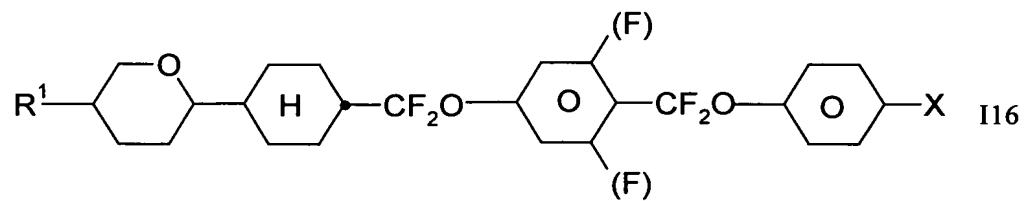
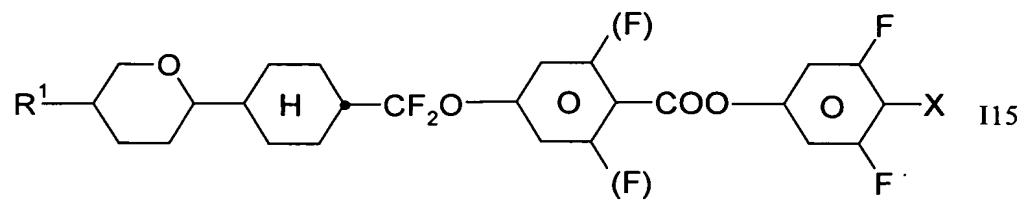
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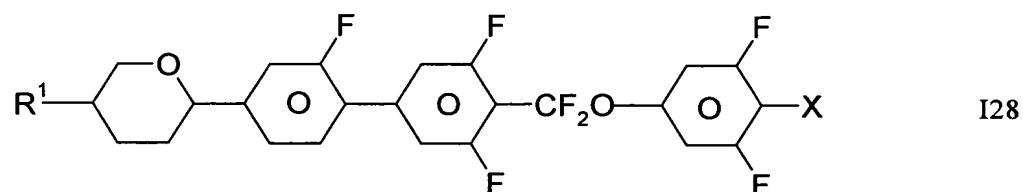
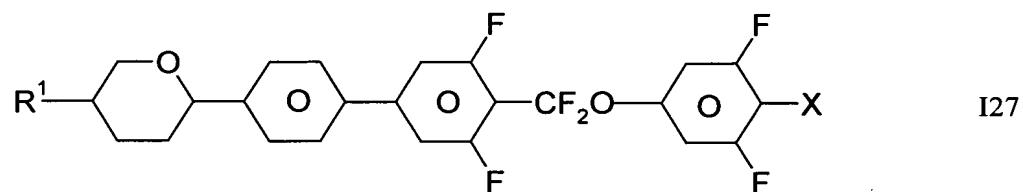
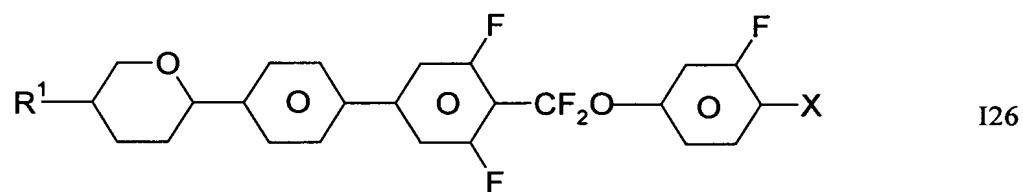
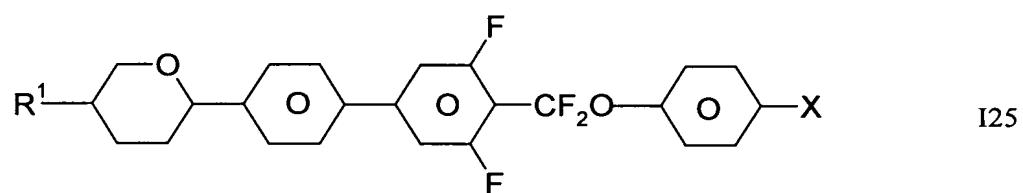
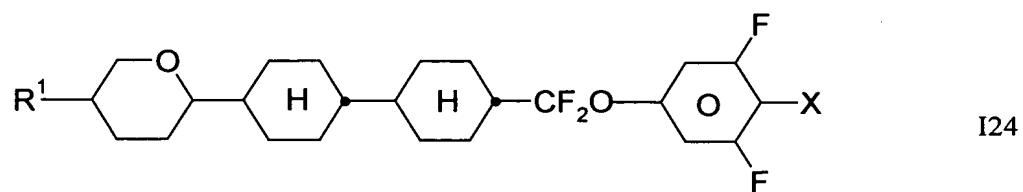
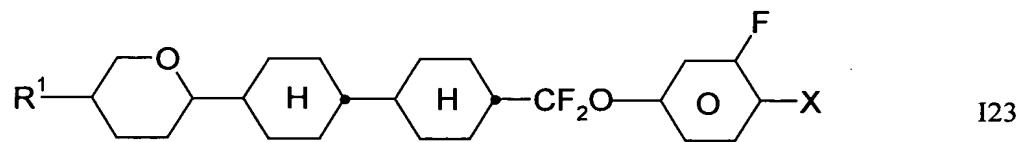
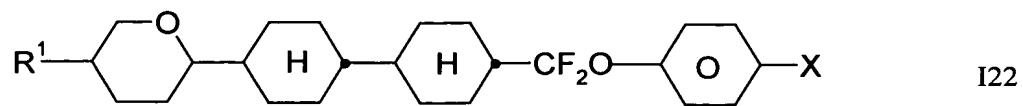


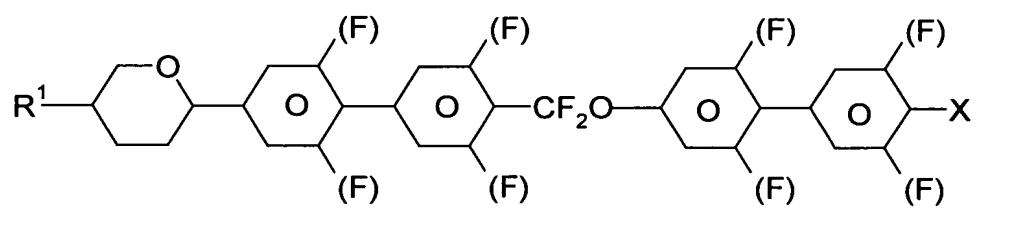
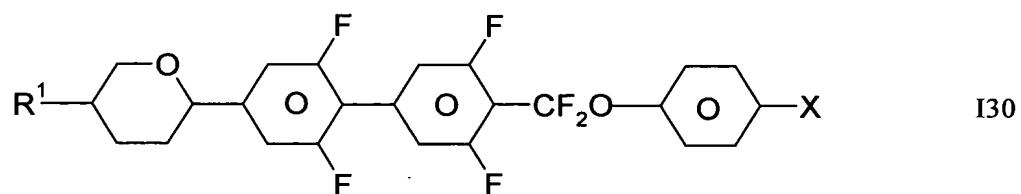
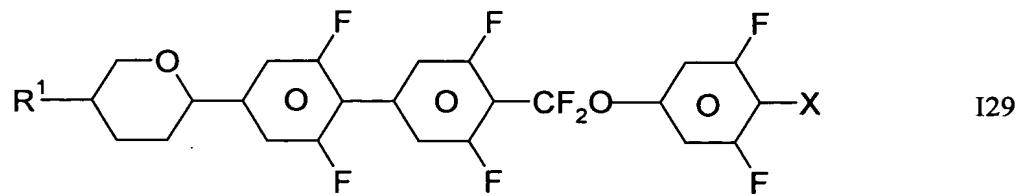
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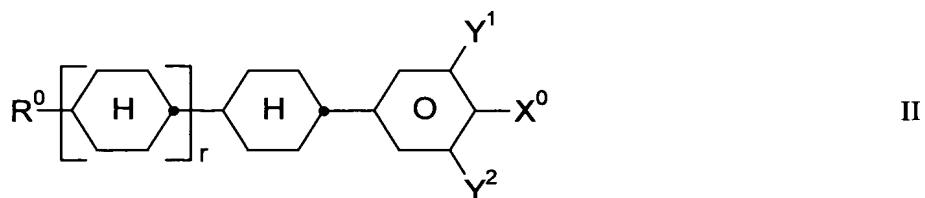


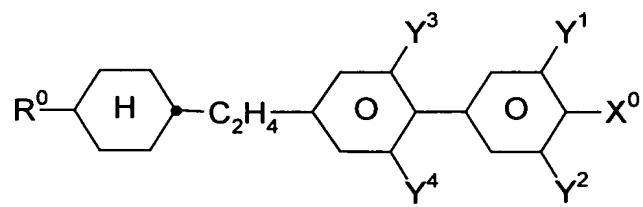


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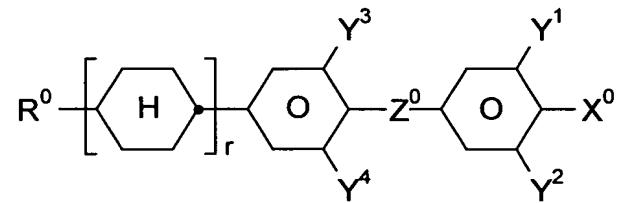
in which R^1 has the meaning indicated in Claim 1 and X has the meaning of R .

7. (Original) Liquid-crystalline medium comprising at least two mesogenic compounds, characterised in that it comprises at least one compound of the formula I according to Claim 1.
8. (Original) Liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 7, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the general formulae II to IX

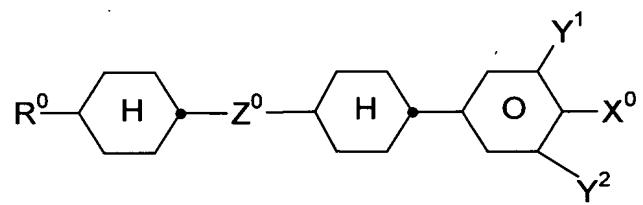




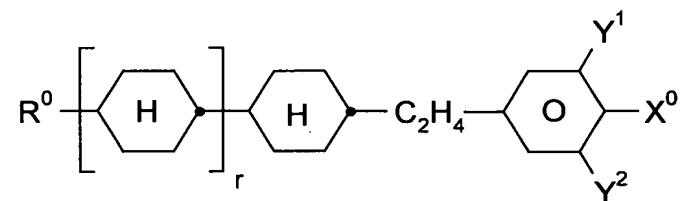
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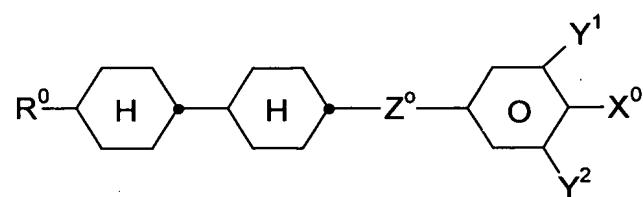
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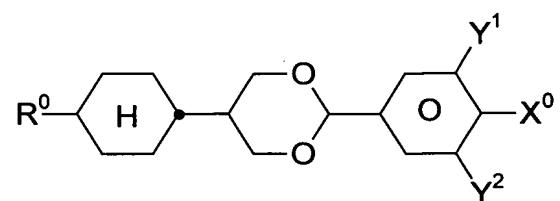
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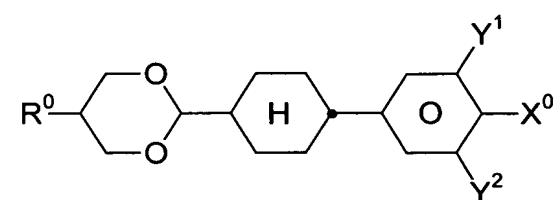
VI



VII



VIII



IX

in which

R^0 denotes n-alkyl, oxaalkyl, fluoroalkyl, alkenyloxy or alkenyl, each having up to 9 C atoms,

X^0 denotes F, Cl, halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, halogenated alkenyloxy or halogenated alkoxy having up to 7 C atoms,

Z^0 denotes -CH=CH-, -C₂H₄-, -(CH₂)₄-, -C₂F₄-, -CH₂O-, -OCH₂-, -CF=CF-, -CF₂O-, -OCF₂- or -COO-,

$Y^1, Y^2,$

Y^3 and Y^4 each, independently of one another, denote H or F, and
r is 0 or 1.

9. (Currently Amended) Use of the liquidcrystalline medium according to Claim 7 or 8 for electro-optical purposes.
10. (Currently Amended) Electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a liquid crystalline medium according to Claim 7 or 8.